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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Applicants submit the references listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449, copies of which are enclosed. A copy of a search report from a corresponding international application is also enclosed.

JP2000-069972 and Uetake (Virus-Gaku Rikogakusha Dai 4 Han 106-111 (1992)) are written in the Japanese language. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3), Applicants submit an English language abstract for JP2000-069972. In accordance with M.P.E.P § 609.04(a)(III), Applicants submit an English language search report (issued in

connection with PCT/JP2004/000944) listing Uetake and identifying its relevance as "Y."

Submission of this statement is not a representation that a search has been made, nor is the inclusion of information in this statement an admission that the information is material to patentability.

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